(b) (i) 1991 Rs. 9.1 crores

(ii) 1992 Rs. 11.4 crores

STD facilities in the Orissa telecommunications circle

2501. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places to which STD facilities have been extended in the Orissa Circle of Telecommunications which are not working properly; and

(b) what time bound remedial measures are proposed to be taken to rectify the errors in those STD Stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) All the places to which STD has been extended in Orissa Circle are working satisfactorily.

(b) Does not arise.

Post Offices in Districts of Orissa

2502. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in different districts of Orissa where new Branch Post Offices-Sub-Post Offices were opened in the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and are proposed to be opened in the year 1993-94 and what are the criteria for selection of the places; and

(b) what is the number of applications that are pending and rejected for opening of Branch Post Office, Sub-Post Offices in different districts of Orissa Circle during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The places where post offices are to be opened, are selected keeping in view demand, satisfaction of departmental norms and the budget allotment. The number of post offices sanctioned in Orissa are as under:

	Deptl. Sub POs	EDBOs.
1991-92 . . .	3	120
1992-93 . . .	8	47

The names of places in different districts of Orisa where new branch post offices, sub post offices were opened in the years 1991-92, 1992-93 are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. As regards 1993-94, the places have not been identified.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

स्पीड पोस्ट सेवा द्वारा भेजे गए पत्र/पैकेट

2503. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल :** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वित्तीय वर्ष 1989–90, 1990–91 और 1991–92 में ऐसे पत्रों/पैकेटों की वर्ष-वार अलग-अलग प्रतिशतता कितनी-कितनी थी जिन्हें स्पीड पोस्ट सेवा द्वारा समय पर पहुंचाया नहीं जा सका था ; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में शत-प्रतिशत लक्ष्य की प्राप्ति हेतु कोई कार्यवाही की है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) आंकड़े लगभग इस प्रकार हैं:—

वर्ष	प्रतिशत
1989–90	7.65
1990–91	8.31
1991–92	3.71

(ख) और (ग) हालांकि, शत-प्रतिशत कार्यकुशलता दर व्यावहारिक नहीं है, तथापि ऐसे सभी प्रयास किए जाते हैं कि मदों के निपटान में विलम्ब कम से कम हों। शिकायतों के विश्लेषण से यह पता चला है कि विलम्ब मुख्यतः रेलवे और एयरलाइंस जैसी डाक-परिवहन एजेंसियों के कारण होता है। विलम्ब का एक नगण्य प्रतिशत निःसंदेह डाक-सेवा में निहित दोषों के कारण भी है। ऐसे सभी मामलों में अनिवार्यतः सुधारात्मक कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Splitting of Indian Telephone Industries

2504. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to split Indian Telephone Industries and to bring about major changes in the Hinustan Cables Corporation by way of reforms;

(b) if so, whether the transformation plan for the Hindustan Cable Corporation is progressing as per schedule; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir, there is no proposal of the Government to Split Indian Telephone Industries. Regarding Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL), in order to meet the challenges of fast product obsolescence, HCL has already undertaken certain product reconversion schemes.

(b) and (c) The implementation for HCL is progressing satisfactorily. HCL is also contemplating to diversify its range of product by taking up certain new projects and necessary steps are being taken towards this end.

Permission to allow private sector to install and operate rural and automatic Telephone Exchanges (RAXs)

2505. SHRI MATANG SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Communications has decided to allow private sector to install and operate rural automatic telephone exchanges (RAXs);

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken along with the proposals under consideration/approved, so far;

(c) what are the details of steps being taken during the Eighth Five Year Plan for development of Telecommunications network-both in Public and Private sector separately, with details of order of investment proposed state-wise and the number of villages to be covered; and

(d) what steps are being taken to attain self-reliance in telecommunication equipment|machinery and develop export potential in the next 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Proposal is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Planning Commission has approved an outlay of Rs. 23946 Crores for 8th Five Year Plan of the Department of Telecommunications against the funds requirement of Rs. 40555 Crores for providing 75 lakhs new telephone connections and public telephones in about 3.8 Lakh villages. Options to raise the balance resources are under examination, but the expected additionality of resources cannot be quantified at this stage.